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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REFORMISTA EFFORT TO CHALLENGE ELECTION RESULTS

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 3052

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY
AND COMMERCE DR. VICTOR GOMEZ BERGES, AMBASSADOR AND HE HAD
FOLLOWING EXCHANGE. (GOMEZ IS FORMER SECRETARY FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REFORMISTA ACTIVIST.)

2. AMBASSADOR TOLD GOMEZ THAT HE WAS MUCH CONCERNED
THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME IMPRESSION HERE THAT THE
U.S. MILITARY COULD PURSUE A DIFFERENT LINE FROM THAT
ENUNCIATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
I SAID WE HAD BEEN MAKING ABSOLUTELY CLEAR, INCLUDING
TO THE MOST RECENT ENVOY, SENATOR PICHARDO, THAT THE
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CONCERN OF THE U.S. ABOUT THE DOMINICAN ELECTORAL
PROCESS WAS A DEEP AND UNIFIED ONE.

3. GOMEZ THEN WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT THE REFORMISTA
PARTY HAD BEEN WRONGED AT THE POLLS AND THAT THEY WERE
GOING ABOUT CORRECTING THIS WRONG IN A LEGAL MANNER.
ACTING AS THOUGH HE WERE THOROUGHLY CONVINCED OF HIS

OWN ARGUMENT, HE AGAIN WENT THROUGH THE ROLE PLAYED "BY TWO KNOWLEDGEABLE VENEZUELAN" WHO HAD TUTORED THE PRD IN THE METHODS OF CARRYING OUT WIDESPREAD ELECTORAL FRAUD IN CRITICAL RURAL AREAS. HE SAID THE REFORMISTAS HAD COMPLETE PROOF, WHICH THEY WOULD BE PRESENTING. AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM THAT THIS PROOF WOULD HAVE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE JCE, NOT TO THE USG, BUT THAT THERE WAS THE MOST INTENSE SKEPTICISM OF THESE EX POST FACTO EFFORTS TO TURN AROUND THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION, AND THAT ANY EFFORT TO EFFECT A COMPLIMENTARY ELECTION (WHICH HE MENTIONED) WOULD CAUSE A SHARP REACTION IN WASHINGTON. WE DID NOT WANT TO INTERFERE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS BUT OUR ATTITUDE SHOULD BE CLEAR. THE SUSPICION IN WASHINGTON WAS DEEP. AMBASSADOR ALSO TOLD HIM THAT ANY "PROOFS" THAT WERE PRESENTED SO LATE AFTER THE ELECTION WOULD BE OPEN TO QUESTION AS TO WHAT PROCESS HAD BEEN USED TO OBTAIN THEM, AND THAT THE CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES THAT WOULD THEN SURFACE WOULD LEAD TO AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT SITUATION.

4. AMBASSADOR ALSO ASKED GOMEZ HOW HE RECONCILED BALAGUER'S ATTITUDE WITH ALL THE REFORMISTA PARTY ACTIVITIES THAT WERE NOW GOING ON. IN ESSENCE, HE SAID THAT BALAGUER HAD NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED A GUZMAN VICTORY AND THAT UNTIL THE JCE HAD GIVEN ITS VERDICT, THE PRESIDENT WAS PERMITTING THE PARTY TO DO WHATEVER IT COULD TO
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PRESENT A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO A PRD VICTORY. NOTHING THAT BALAGUER HAD DONE, GOMEZ NOTED, CONTRADICTED THIS THESIS.

5. COMMENT: GOMEZ' LINE FITS IN WITH TREND OF PRD ACTIONS WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING AND GIVES ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVE TO JCE ACTION REPORTED REFTEL.
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